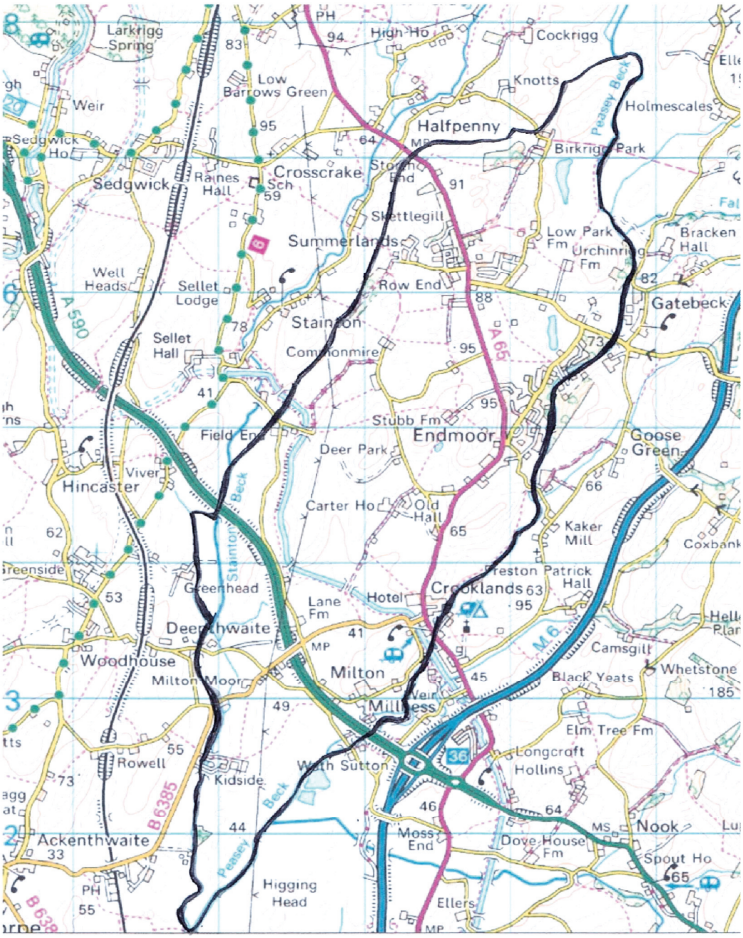
SUMMARY OF PRESTON RICHARD COMMUNITY PLAN 2015



This is an abridged version of the full Community Plan document, we are aware that not everyone would wish to have the full detailed document or all the information contained therein but after reading this if you feel you would like the full detailed document please go to our web site http://prestonrichard.co.uk/ or contact the Parish Clerk on 015395 67411 who can send you a copy. Future updates and information can be found on the web site http://prestonrichard.co.uk/ and you can follow us on Facebook page (Endmoor, Preston Patrick and Richard) to keep updated.

Introduction

This Community Plan (CP) was born out of a need to understand what people needed and wanted for our community. It will be the reference point as the consensus of local opinion when dealing with County, District, Parish Councils or any other working partners when decisions are made in the future. The CP contains the Action Plan for the future which will be reviewed every April during the Annual Parish Meeting to monitor the progress of the Action Plan and identify what still needs to be done and those changes that should be incorporated. If you feel there are new matters which are not covered by the CP please attend a Parish Council (PC) meeting where this will be reviewed.

Now the CP is launched this is not the end but the beginning as it is hoped everyone in the Parish will read the plan and become involved in updating, monitoring and helping with achieving the goals contained within.

How the Plan was completed

First step was a flash survey in which we asked respondents to tell us:

- One thing you like about your area in which you live?
- One thing you dislike about your area in which you live?
- One improvement you would like to see in the area in which you live?

From the 89 responses we found:

Likes: The residents valued the Scenery & Environment; Community; Quietness; Friendliness; and the School & Park.

Dislikes: Significantly they disliked Speeding & Traffic; Lack of Public Transport; Highway Problems; Dog Fouling; Litter; and the Lack of things to do / involvement.

Change: The things that the respondents would like to change were Activities for Children / Teenagers; Community Activities; Speed Reduction Methods; Public Transport; and litter bins / organised litter picks.

These responses, together with an 'Open Day' in the Village Hall which gave households and businesses the opportunity to air their opinions, formed the basis of the action areas to be considered by the CP Steering Group. Next step was to produce the formal questionnaire which went to all household and businesses in the parish.

The Questionnaire was distributed to every household in the parish and 209 were completed representing a 35% response rate.

Using the information gathered from the Questionnaire a CP has been created which contains an Action Plan. Using the Action Plan a group of volunteers, namely the Working Group (WG), will work to delivering the aspirations of the CP for the future of the community of Preston Richard.

Summary of the CP Questionnaire Results

Results and Findings from the Questionnaire across the 5 key areas are as follows:

Summary of Action Areas

This is a summary of the findings for each of the 5 key action areas covered in the questionnaire. Greater detail can be found in the full Community Plan, together with the proposed actions in the Action Plan contained in that document.

New Developments

- The infrastructure, particularly waste water treatment, needs to be upgraded before new developments are considered
- All new developments to provide safe access for pedestrians, cyclists and motor vehicles, and to the school.
- The design of new developments need to be in keeping with the local architecture and rural character of the area and providing adequate off-road parking
- New developments should provide adequate green spaces and screening, and make maximum use of the topology of the sites to blend in with the local area.
- The density of houses ideally needs to be in keeping with the rest of the village

Traffic and Travel

- Improve road safety with new speed reduction measures and new speed limits
- Prioritise dangerous road junctions that need improvement. e.g. A65/Gatebeck lane
- Problems with parking and parked vehicles
- Making roads safer with new or extended footpaths e.g. A65 Crooklands and Gatebeck Lane
- Improved bus service
- Highways flooding and potholes

Environment

- Preservation of the rural environment
- The reduction of dog fouling
- Reduction of litter with community litter picks and more bins
- Community gardening programmes
- Local recycling facilities to be improved

Community Life

- Improved communication to the community of key information and what events are taking place
- More community events across all age groups
- Building a stronger community identity
- More key services e.g. doctor's surgery

Energy/Broadband

- Investigation of new energy schemes
- Reduction in power outages
- Raised awareness of Internet connection possibilities and
- Improved faster upgraded options such as fibre optics

To see how we propose to deal with these matters please see the Action Plan which can be found on the Web Site http://prestonrichard.co.uk/ or contact the Parish Clerk on 015395 67411

How to get involved

Now that we have an Action Plan we need to get to work on delivering the community's wishes. We already have a few volunteers, but we need more. Can you help? If you wish to volunteer to help with any aspect of the plan please see either the parish web site http://www.prestonrichard.co.uk/, or noticeboards for details, or contact any member of the Working Group below if known to you.

Can you help?

In particular we are looking for volunteers to help with the following activities arising from the CP from all areas of our Parish, I.e. Crooklands, Birkrigg, Deer Park, Endmoor, Low Park, Milton, Summerlands, all welcome.

Litter Picks
Winter Gritting
Snow Clearance
Improving Public Gardens & Canal the tow path though our parish Contributing/editing a Parish Newsletter
Designing a Welcome Pack for new residents
Organising community events
Improving the communities image and facilities
Speedwatch
Consultations on Parish Matters

The Working Group

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Fred Jones	Peter Watson

Glossary of terms

CP	Community Plan	PC	Preston Richard Parish Council
CCC	Cumbria County Council	SLDC	South Lakeland District Council
Parish	Preston Richard Parish	WG	Community Plan Working Group